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Claims 29, 30, and 32, drawn to methods to identify a compound that Group III:

modulates the activity of a human c-Maf protein comprising evaluating the

binding of a human c-Maf and a DNA molecule; and

Claims 29, 31 and 32, drawn to methods to identify a compound that modulates Group IV:

the activity of a human c-Maf protein comprising evaluating the expression in an

indicator cell.

Applicants would like to elect Group II (Claim 28, drawn to a method for modulating human c-Maf activity in a cell), without traverse.

## CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' Agent would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

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